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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : Customer Number: 20277

Masahiko TAKEUCHI, et al. : Confirmation Number: 8800

Serial No.: 09/725,853 : Group Art Unit: 2826

Filed: November 30, 2000 : Examiner: L. Andujar

For: PHOTOMASK INCLUDING AUXILIARY MARK AREA, SEMICONDUCTOR

DEVICE AND MANUFACTURING METHOD THEREOF

RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT OF ELECTION OF SPECIES

Mail Stop Restriction Requirement Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Noting the Office Action of August 26, 2003, wherein an election of Species has been required, Applicants hereby elect Species I (pages 18-24, Figs. 1-9, upon which claims 1-4 are readable) for prosecution in the above-identified application.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper,

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including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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